

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2000-116105 (JP '105).

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Korenaga et al. (US 6,037,680).

Claims 2-4 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korenaga in view of JP 2000-308328 (see discussion of JP '328 on pp. 1-3 and Figs. 3a-3b of Specification).

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korenaga and JP 2000-308328, in view of Tsuboi et al. US 2001/0048249.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korenaga in view of Hwang et al. (US 6,528,907).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner simply states that the arguments made in the Applicants' previous response are not persuasive. The Applicants provided detailed arguments discussing the differences between the invention and the cited references. However, the Examiner has not provided any substantive counter arguments.

The Applicants reiterate the arguments and request the Examiner to reconsider the Applicants' arguments in the Amendment filed on July 25, 2008 and provide a substantive response.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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